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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination and calculation of the filing fee
for this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 9, lines 11-12, please change "into a fiber
molecule" to -into a molecule of a natural fiber and/or a
regenerated fiber-; and

lines 15-16, change "Preferred chelate-forming
functional groups to be introduced into a fiber molecule" to